

1405

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England & Scotland

Prince James of Scotland was
Captured.

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Padua was the object of conquests
on the part of Venice in 1405

1405

Beginning of Ming maritime expeditions, ~~reaching the~~ reaching the east coast of Africa, where Ming porcelain was traded.

May 11
~~June~~ 1405 -

The great Ming Armada weighed anchor in Nanjing on the 1st of 7 epic voyages as far west as Africa

China's Admiral Zheng He led this mighty fleet that reshaped an empire. Hundreds of ships. Raised in mountains heart of Asia. He was not Chinese.

He was by origin a Central Asia Muslim.
Born Ma He, the son of a rural official
in Mongol province of Yunnan, was
captured by the invading Chinese army that
overthrew the Mongols in 1382. He was
trained as an imperial eunuch &
assigned to the court of Zhu Di
1 of his vessels measured 400 ft in length + 170 ft
across with 9 masts; 50,000 ft² main
decks; displacement of at least 3,000 tons
30,000 sailors on board the fleet 180 physicians

1405-1407

Admiral's Zheng He's first
voyage. 317 ships; 27,870 men
July 1405 Fleet left Nanjing
with silks, porcelain, & spices
Defeated pirates
Reached Sumatra & India

1405

Tamerlane died on his way to
conquer China. Break up of
his empire.

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PISA

An ancient city of TUSCANY, Founded about the 6th Cen. BC. It is first mentioned by Livy as JULIA PISANA. In 5th Cen BC. it was sub subject to Rome but was an independent community under the Carolingians. Sardinia was wrested from the Saracens by PISA with the aid of Genoa in 1025. Pisa was a commercial and naval rival of

Venice and Genoa. In the 12th & 13th Cens Pisa was
at the height of her greatness. This came to an
end when Genoa defeated the PISAN fleet off
Meloria in 1284. In 1399 the city was taken
by the Milanese and was sold to France in 1405
Pisa became independent under the protection
of Charles VIII of France in 1494 but came
under the rule of France again in 1509.
From this time it began to decline. Ecclastical
Councils were held at PISA in 1134; 1409; 1511
In 1600 Pisa had only 15,000 inhabitants
where in the height of its greatness it
had numbered 150,000

1405-1433
1371-1435

Compass
Ming navigator

Zheng He (1371-1435)

A Moslem from Yunnan province, was a eunuch in the Ming court. By order of the emperor he made 7 ocean voyages between 1405-1433. His ships, laden with trade goods and gifts of gold, silk, silver, porcelain, iron utensils and cloth sailed to Southeast Asia, Bangladesh, India, Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, going

as far as the Red Sea And eastern coast
of Africa. The largest of his ships
was 140 meters long, the biggest
in the World at that time.

The greatest of these expeditions consisted
of more than 60 vessels with a crew
of 27,000 men.

None of his exploits would have
been possible without the
Compass

Feb 1405

Tamerlane died en route to conquer
China

He was buried in a tomb in SAMARKAND

1405 AD

Chinese Naval ventures.

Ambitious Chinese saw that the time was ripe for domination of the world by gun-carrying ships. They pulled their high technology together and built dozens of large sailing junks with multiple masts, steered by sternpost rudders, navigated by magnetic compasses and armed with guns. In AD 1405

a powerful fleet set off to impress
the barbarians, and a succession of
expeditions traversed half the known
world, gathering treasure from as far
away as Mecca and Africa. Had the
naval policy persisted, they would have
conquered everyone. Officials and accountants
persuaded the emperor after less than 30
yrs to put a stop to it, and eventually
they destroyed even the records of the voyages.
It was bureaucracy's most breathtaking
accomplishment